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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – A.P. Forest Department – Vigilance Report - Inspection on tourism boats in E.G. District – Verification of safety measures being taken by the tourism agencies – Boats not registered with Executive Engineer – Seized 11 boats – Irregularities noticed – Common disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri S. Aswin Kumar, Forest Section Officer, Wildlife Management Range of Kakinada of Wildlife Management Division, Rajahmundry and (3) others, under Rule 24 read with Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Sec.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.25 **Dated:17.04.2023**

Read the following:

1)From the Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement Department, Vigilance Report No.16 (C.No.241/V&E/D1/2018), dated 26.02.2018.
2)Memo.No.EFS01-FRST0VIG/71/2019-SEC-IV, dated 14.02.2020.
3)G.O.Rt.No.15, EFS&T (Sec.IV) Department, dated 14.02.2020.
4)G.O.Rt.No.94, EFS&T (Sec.IV) Department, dated 08.09.2022.
5)G.O.Rt.No.95, EFS&T (Sec.IV) Department, dated 08.09.2022.
6)From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri, Lr.Ref.No.6041/2018/A&DC-3, dated 16.02.2023.
7)Memo.No.1209/Sec.IV/A1/2018-2, EFS&T (Sec.IV) Dept., dated 06.03.2023.
8)From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri, Lr.Ref.No.6041/2018/A&DC-3, dated 17.03.2023.

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In the light of Boat accident which occurred at Ferry Ghat, Pavitra Sangamam, Vijayawada, based on the recommendations of the Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement Department in the reference 1st read above, orders have been issued in the Memo., 2nd read above, initiating common disciplinary proceedings against Sri S. Aswin Kumar, Forest Section Officer, Wildlife Management Range of Kakinada of Wildlife Management Division, Rajahmundry and (3) others, under Rule 24 read with Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. In the G.O. 3rd read above, the following Article of Charge was issued to Sri S. Aswin Kumar, Forest Section Officer, Wildlife Management Range of Kakinada of Wildlife Management Division, Rajahmundry, under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991:

Article:"That he had shown gross negligence in duties and allowed the tourism Boats without registration from the Executive Engineer, Dowleswaram at the cost of safety of the Tourists at Community based Eco-tourism at Coringa Mada Forest, Coringa (V), Tallarevu (M), and that he allowed a private Boat at EDC without obtaining any permission from the higher authorities and also the Forest Section Officer, Coringa Section, WLM Range, Kakinada has failed to restrict the EDC authorities from allowing tourists on Jet Ski which was brought for the purpose of trail run".

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3. The Charged Officer acknowledged the receipt of Article of Charge on 19.03.2020 and submitted his written statement of defense on 18.07.2020. Not satisfying with the explanation of the Charged Officer, orders have been issued in the G.Os 4th and 5th read above, appointing Sri N. Nageswara Rao, IFS., Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife Management Circle, Tirupati as Common Inquiry Officer and Sri C. Selvam, IFS., Divisional Forest Officer, Wildlife Management Division, Rajahmundry as Common Presenting Officer respectively, for conducting the regular inquiry.

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri in his letter 6th read above, has furnished the findings of the Common Inquiry Officer & Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife Management Circle, Tirupati wherein, the Inquiry Officer has concluded that the Charges framed against Sri S. Aswin Kumar, Forest Section Officer, Wildlife Management Range of Kakinada of Wildlife Management Division, Rajahmundry were held **not proved.**

5. In the Memo., 7th read above, a copy of the findings of the Common Inquiry Officer & Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife Management Circle, Tirupati has been communicated to the Charged Officer, under Rule 21 (2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 inviting his representation. The Charged Officer has acknowledged the receipt of final notice on 17.03.2023 and submitted his further defense statement on 17.03.2023.

6. After careful examination of the matter with reference to findings of the Inquiry Officer and relevant material made available, Government have decided to drop further action in the disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri S. Aswin Kumar, Forest Section Officer, Wildlife Management Range of Kakinada of Wildlife Management Division, Rajahmundry. Accordingly, Government hereby order to drop further action in the disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri S. Aswin Kumar, Forest Section Officer, Wildlife Management Range of Kakinada of Wildlife Management Division, Rajahmundry.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & A.P., Mangalagiri shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri S. Aswin Kumar, Forest Section Officer, Wildlife Management Range of Kakinada of Wildlife Management Division, Rajahmundry through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri.

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